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SHIPPING
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INCREASE IN BUNKER CHARGES
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Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Indian Shipping companies are apprehending a steep escalation in bunker charges following in the rise in oil prices after the terrorist attacks in US;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the bunker charges have already started moving up;

(c) if so, facts thereof and the manner in which Indian shipping companies have been affected; and

(d) the steps being taken by Government to help the shipping industry?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING (SHRI SHRIPAD Y. NAIK)

(a) to (d) : - Yes Sir. The industry was indeed apprehending a steep escalation in bunker prices following the terrorist attack, when the crude prices shot up to about US $ 31 per barrel. However, this turned out to be a very temporary affair. The crude oil price has since declined and so has the bunker price. Thus there has not been any lasting adverse impact on Indian Shipping as was initially expected.